

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

As of May 12, 4,540 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 507 were infested host trees and 4,033 were high-risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Woodbridge and Carteret.

New Jersey State Forestry and Parks Division continued replanting trees in the Middlesex/Union county infestation area this week. To date, their landscaping contractor has planted 328 non-host trees in the West Carteret and Woodbridge area of the removal zone. A total of 700 trees will be planted this spring.

Currently, 14 program personnel from USDA APHIS PPQ, NJDA, NJ Forest Service are performing survey, control and regulatory activities. 17 USDA Forest Service Smokejumpers, continue to survey trees in the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine; to date a total of 17,020 trees have been inspected.

Program personnel continue to make preparations for tree treatments in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area. Treatments are slated to start during the week of May 16 with approximately 20,000 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid. The insecticide will be injected into the tree's trunk or into the soil surrounding the tree.

On May 5, the *Star-Ledger* ran an article on the ALB program, including information about the six infested maple trees found on April 14 in a wooded/industrial area southeast of the Linden Municipal Airport and the need to propose an expansion to the quarantine area.

Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Infestation

Four program personnel continue to perform survey and regulatory activities in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area. To date 917 host trees were surveyed with no signs of ALB.